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The International Searching Authority has determined that this international application contains multiple (groups of) inventions, namely

1. Claims 1-26

optical waveguide with two cross-sectional regions, each with an index of refraction, and a transitional region between these cross-sectional regions, an optical property of the optical waveguide being modified in the transitional region.

2. Claims 27-34

apparatus for microstructuring an optical waveguide with a pulsed laser and a focussing device so that within the optical waveguide the incoming radiation has a power density of 10 GW/cm^2 or more.

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